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# The Daily Eastern News

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## New building price tag up \$2.5 million

Relocation of Human Services will cost university additional money

By Pat Guinane  
Administration editor

Relocating the planned Human Services Building to accommodate construction of the new Doudna Fine Arts Center will cost Eastern an additional \$2.5 million.

The \$43 million Doudna Fine Arts Center expansion will stretch across Seventh Street to where the Clinical Services Building currently is located. The original plan called for a new Human Services Building to be built where the Clinical Services Building now sits.

With the new plan, the new Human Services Building will now be located in what is now the parking lot between Klehm and Thomas halls. It will house Health Services, Career Services and the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department.

Currently, the Clinical Services Building houses Health Services and the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department while Career Services is located in the Student Services Building.

Relocating the planned Human Services Building has caused the estimated construction cost to rise from \$3.3 million to \$5.8 million. In addition, the

move has caused the design cost to increase by \$168,382 to a total of \$644,382. Both increases were approved by the executive committee of Eastern's Board of Trustees on Nov. 15.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said Monday that construction of the 30,457-square-foot Human Services Building will begin in April. Cooley said to compensate for parking spaces lost by the construction of the new building, space will be added north of Coleman Hall and some spaces will also be available adjacent to the new building when it is complete.

A. Epstein & Sons of Chicago is the firm handling the Human Services' design, which includes about 10,000 square feet of space for the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department, Cooley said.

The BOT Executive Committee also approved a \$320,000 network electronics contract for Booth Library at the Nov. 15 meeting. The library, which has been under construction and renovation since the summer of 1999, is scheduled to reopen in January.

The contract, which is with



Caitlin Bullis

Chainlink fences around the remodeled entrance to Old Main were removed over Thanksgiving break last week. The aluminum fencing that will complete the new landscaping project are expected to arrive this week.

## Just a few more days ...

Old Main project slated for completion by the end of the week

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Campus editor

The aluminum fencing that will complete Old Main's new landscaping project should arrive this week, ensuring the project's completion by Dec. 1, Rob Shoots of Shoots Construction said.

"If (the fencing is) still on schedule, it should be in transit," he said.

Shoots said before the arrival of the fencing, which is manufactured by Speckrail, it must go through a regional distributor and then the local distributor, Decatur Fence Co., Shoots said.

Old Main's new landscaping, a

\$424,000 project, began in June and was originally scheduled to be completed Aug. 31.

The project, which includes ornate lighting, pillars, sidewalks and planters, has been delayed because the fencing needed to be redesigned to hold a weighty 3-foot bronze plaque bearing the university logo, Shoots said previously. In addition, bad weather and the increase in demand for flagpoles after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks unexpectedly disrupted the project.

Just before Thanksgiving break, the construction fencing, which blocked off pedestrian traffic to the

site, was removed in anticipation of the delayed arrival of the landscape fence.

Bill Austin, owner of Decatur Fence Co., said the fencing is on a truck ready to be shipped, but he has been unable to determine the exact receiving date.

"We're assuming its going to be [delivered] this week," he said.

Since he did not know the number of stops the truck has to make before it gets to Charleston, he said he could not find out precisely when the fencing will arrive at Eastern.

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## Lighting changes for campus in the works

Addition of flood light, removal of fence results of university committee's 'Light Walk.'

By Jamie Fetty  
Student government editor

A plan for a new floodlight in front of one university residence hall and the removal of a fence behind a sorority house are two decisions made as a result of a "Light Walk" the Student Senate University Development and Recycling Committee held.

After failed attempts by the two previous chairs of the University Development and Recycling Committee, new chair Bill Davidson conducted the "Light Walk" Nov. 11 to scout out poorly lit areas of campus that endanger students.

Davidson said the goal of the walk is to "make everyone feel more comfortable."

The walk attracted several students and four

Eastern staff members: Gary Reed, physical plant director; Adam Due, University Police Department acting police chief; Carol Strode, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management; and Gary Hanebrink, safety officer.

Most of the problems those on the walk discovered were routine maintenance items, and requests have already been put in to maintenance to fix them, Reed said.

"The walk showed campus was in pretty good shape," Reed said.

However, the walk did prove that some areas of campus are not well lit, so some changes to better lighting on campus will occur.

Residents of Pemberton Hall told Davidson and the group they wanted a blue emergency

button near their hall, but the group on the walk decided more light would be better, Davidson said.

A floodlight will be attached to the east side of the building at Pemberton's main entrance, and large bushes in that area will be trimmed back, Reed said.

In back of the Alpha Phi house, part of a view-blocking fence will be removed. The enclosure houses the building's air conditioning unit and dumpster and exists just to keep them out of sight, Reed said.

"The fence is there because it's unsightly, even though I think air conditioners are a beautiful thing," Reed said.

Davidson said white lights are less expensive than the amber lights used on campus and will

likely be the type of light installed near Pemberton and Alpha Phi.

Burned out light bulbs in University Court and on various emergency button posts also will be replaced, he said.

The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union also is shrouded in darkness, and the plans are in the works to change that, Davidson said.

"We can maybe make it look more flamboyant," Davidson said.

Davidson wants to see the walk happen twice a semester now that it finally got off the ground. "I'm glad we finally got it done, and we can get some of this taken care of," Davidson said.

Anyone who notices a problem with security on campus can call it in at 581-3416.

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## Computer skills equal knowledge

By Erika Larson  
Activities editor

Being computer literate is a must, with computer technologies stretching from hurricane pattern prediction to rocket engine hearts, a visiting NASA administrator said in his presentation Monday.

John Ziebarth, deputy chief of NASA advanced super computing division, spoke on "NASA Technology and Education."

He said his division at the NASA Ames Research Center in California, which supports computer science and computational technology, does research and development in the field of internal fluid dynamics, which is important in biotechnology as well as aeronautics.

A team from his division was responsible for the redesign of a temporary heart for patients in need of a heart transplant, Ziebarth said.

The temporary heart is basi-

cally a "rocket engine device," he said, and it allows the heart patient to stay active while waiting for a donor heart.

He said the longest a patient has used the device was more than 120 days.

His division also has developed a new type of computer architecture that has been used to produce a high-resolution, moving picture that accurately predicted the movements of Hurricane Floyd, he said.

The division is continually looking for ways to improve technology, asking questions such as, "How do we network into deep space?" and "How do we make devices more compact?" Ziebarth said.

"We are still trying to find ways to compute faster," he said.

Ziebarth also discussed technology's relationship to education, noting that the undergraduate level is the most lacking in computer science education.

He said he has worked in suc-

cessful programs such as the Aspire program, Adventures in Super computing and others implemented to get to computation into the science curriculum at high schools.

Kindergarten through 12th grade and graduate programs are more advanced with regards to computation education, but "undergraduates have always been a harder nut to crack," he said.

He attributed the problem to money limitations, difficulties in finding qualified staff and already overly-extensive undergraduate requirements.

Experience with computer science has become a necessity in almost every field of study imaginable, Ziebarth said.

"Teachers go to school systems where everything's wired and need training because they didn't know how to use (the computer system)," he said. "We have to find a way to integrate that information into undergraduate programs."

## three-day forecast

today



Wednesday



Thursday



## police blotter

### Driving under the influence

■ Laura C. Meskill, 18, of 701 Andrews' Hall, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at 5:42 a.m. Nov. 4 at the "F" parking lot, a police report stated.

■ Justin J. Lihak, 18, of Geneva, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at 1:13 a.m. Nov. 9 at Seventh Street and Hayes Avenue, a police report stated.

■ Brian Edward Kent, 21, of 1520 Second St., was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at 1:14 a.m. Nov. 10 at 1520 Second St., a police report stated.

■ Adam J. Nixon, 20, of Decatur, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at 12:07 a.m. Nov. 11 at Seventh Street and Hayes Avenue, a police report stated.

## Correction

An article in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* misspelled the name of Eastern's sixth president Stan Rieves.

The News regrets the error.

## Lost cheese found Thursday during presentation

A program on campus Thursday will try to help answer the question, "Who moved my cheese?"

Ann Beck, a trainer in Eastern's Business and Technology Institute, will facilitate the internationally recognized program "Dealing with Change" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in Lurkin Hall.

The program will involve a

showing of the video "Who Moved My Cheese?" based on the best-selling book of the same title by business author Spencer Johnson, and an interactive response time, Marilyn DeRuiter, director of the institute, said.

The well-known training program addresses both personal and professional changes, DeRuiter

said. "Everyone is dealing with change, and this is a very entertaining and informative program," she said.

She said the program is based on the metaphor that "cheese" is what an individual wants in life, and the "maze" is where an individual looks for what he or she wants.

Business people across the country are very familiar with the program, and responses to the program at other venues have been very positive, DeRuiter said.

The program is free, but preregistration is encouraged. Anyone interested in attending should register as soon as possible by calling the institute at 581-2913.

# Expanding the Panther Card

Senate member Nick Skipitaris pushes for debit function to aid off-campus students

By Jamie Fetty  
Student government editor

For many off-campus students a Panther Card is a relic of their residence hall past. Without a meal plan or the luxuries of university laundry, the card serves as little more than a photo ID.

But Nick Skipitaris, chair of the Student Senate Housing Committee, wants to expand the uses of that little plastic rectangle that's been dormant since the dorm days.

He envisions signing more local businesses on to the debit option the Panther Card makes available to First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust account holders.

First Mid and Eastern have a partnership that allows students to use the Panther Card as a debit card for their checking accounts at First Mid. Currently, Skipitaris said, 15 Charleston businesses are equipped to use the debit function of the Panther Card, and his goal is to increase that number.

Students that do not have bank accounts at First Mid cannot use the debit card function of their Panther Card, because the bank won the bid for a partnership with Eastern, Skipitaris said.

Wal-Mart, NFI (formerly Walker's) and various local gas stations are some of the businesses where students can use their Panther Card as a debit card, Skipitaris said.

The system is PIN-based, that is a purchase deducts the money straight from a First Mid checking account with a Personal Identification Number. To use a chip-based system, one that deducts from money deposited directly onto the card, would be too expensive, Skipitaris said. "Chip-based" money is like Panther Cash, the account used for laundry and vending machines.

Charleston merchants like the idea, Skipitaris said, and so do students. He has been calling places like McDonald's, BOXA and Wendy's and surveying students. Members of the housing committee have also presented the idea to their hall councils.

"Everyone loved the idea," Skipitaris said.

First Mid sells the card-swiping machine to businesses at cost, which is around \$100, and Skipitaris said the businesses also pay a flat fee to First Mid to be enabled to take the debit cards.

Sometime next semester, the Panther Card debit option can be used at participating businesses anywhere in the world through a Visa program called the Plus Network, Skipitaris said. However, this won't impact businesses in Charleston or elsewhere that aren't enabled to use debit cards.

Skipitaris expects to see results of his efforts soon.

"Hopefully by next semester we can see the ball rolling," he said.



Caitlin Bullis/Staff photographer

Eastern's new food court is still on schedule for its opening date of Jan. 7. Along with the restaurants in the old food court, the Panther Grill and The Charleston Market also will be added as dining choices.

## Food Court completion on track

The new food court is still on schedule as of Monday, with food equipment installation scheduled for Dec. 7, and the opening date still targeted for Jan. 7, Carol Strode, interim director of facilities planning and management, said in an e-mail.

"In a meeting this morning with the contractor, JohnCo, the Jan. 7 date was still the target for opening," Strode said.

Some of the same equipment in

use in the temporary food court will need to be moved into the permanent facility, Strode said. This moving will start Dec. 10 and affected portions of the food court will be closed while the moving is taking place and after, since the equipment will no longer be available.

Construction on the new food court began in January, and it was originally scheduled to be done by August.

"The project was to take eight and a half months to complete," Strode said. "There was a slight delay when asbestos was found early on in the demolition phase and had to be abated."

In addition to Subway, Chick-fil-A, and Connie's Pizza, the new food court will include the Panther Grill and The Charleston Market, an area with rotating specials. There will also be an area for grab-n-go items.

## GOP Senate hopefuls plan to stimulate economy with tax cuts

SPRINGFIELD, (AP) — Republican Senate candidate John Cox called Monday for a series of tax cuts to stimulate the economy and "return money to the pocketbooks of Illinois families."

He proposed a nationwide "holiday" on sales taxes, cutting capital gains taxes, reducing corporate taxes and barring further taxes on

Internet sales.

Cox, who is seeking the GOP nomination to challenge the Democrat incumbent, Sen. Dick Durbin, said he does not know how much the various cuts might reduce government revenue. He predicted that the cuts would increase revenues over the long run, saying that was the effect of tax cuts under

President Reagan.

The Glenview tax attorney also played down the problems of getting every state to lift sales taxes temporarily before the holiday shopping season ends. Cox called that a "factual question."

Government business regulations should be relaxed and the number of government employees

reduced, Cox said.

However, he said the federal government should set up a temporary program to help insurance companies pay for any future terrorism costs. That would help guarantee that companies will issue insurance against terrorism, he said.

He also called for caps on punitive damages in lawsuits and requiring

the losing party to pay the legal costs for both sides.

Cox said Durbin has let down the people of Illinois by not doing more to reduce taxes.

Last week, Durbin called for a federal payroll tax holiday in December, calling such an economic stimulus "fair, focused and fast."

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# Opinion page

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## Keep athletic success rolling

Five out of six sure isn't bad. In fact, that's a success rate of 83 percent. A basketball player who finishes a game, shooting 83 percent from the field would be marveled at. A quarterback who completes 83 percent of his passes would be considered the best of the best. Any baseball player who finishes a season with an .833 batting average would be worshipped.

The men's and women's cross country, women's soccer, volleyball and football teams all won conference titles and went to compete on the NCAA national stage. The Panthers were actually a perfect five-for-five in Ohio Valley Conference championships, as the only team not to hoist a trophy this fall was the men's soccer team who had a rough run in the Missouri Valley Conference.

### Entire department on top of its game

Five out of six teams won their division this season, something to strive for in years to come.

It's unusual in this day and age of sports to have that kind of all-out dominance. It's something that surely hasn't been the case over the past several years in the OVC, until Eastern joined the conference in 1996.

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie and his entire staff should be commended. Each and every one of them have worked endless hours to ensure Panther athletics would improve over the course of the past five years.

More scholarship dollars and budget money was put into athletic programs than ever before and we as a university have seen the direct results of that over the past two years. Our athletic programs have put Eastern Illinois University on the map more than any other kind of activity or form of recognition on this campus.

The men's basketball team qualified for the NCAA Tournament a year ago and gained national fame after a miraculous comeback win to clinch the OVC Tournament title. The men's and women's cross country teams have competed all over the country, most recently in South Carolina for the pre-national meet along with senior runner Jason Bialka's appearance at the national meet.

The women's soccer program grabbed the national spotlight in just its seventh year of existence, hanging with previous national champion Notre Dame before bowing out with a 2-0 loss.

The past two days it's been the volleyball and football teams' turns, as both viewed their selection shows Sunday and Monday in the Student Rec Center. The volleyball team has qualified for the national tournament for the first time in its history as a Division I program and the football team is making its second straight playoff appearance, this time as a host team and ranked No. 3.

What all this means is this mid-sized, nationally-obscure university tucked away in East Central Illinois is beginning to leave its mark. But we shouldn't stop now.

We should use the success of the past two seasons as a foundation for the future. Such success should in turn provide for better recruitment and additional funding for these successful programs that have been the strongest advocate of national recognition for Eastern.

Five-for-six sure isn't bad, but let's not stop now. The ball has just started rolling.

It's been said, but all these prescription drug ads on TV are a little scary.

I'm not talking about how they list all of the gory things that will happen to you once you start popping their pills, or those freaky hell mountains in the Nexium commercial.

Now I haven't been on this planet real long, but I thought it all worked like so: you get sick, you see a doctor, she or he prescribes you something.

Well that was then, this is now. The new age of prescription drugs is one where we, consumers, decide which medications we'd like in our bloodstream before we're even sure there's anything wrong with us. We are reminded at the close of each commercial to ask our doctor about Viagra, like anyone in the whole world doesn't know by now what Viagra is for.

A lot of these ads plant seeds of doubt about our own health. Gee, we say, maybe my allergies are really unbearable. I don't want to kiss my pets and lawn goodbye. On Allegra, on Flonase, on Claritin and Nasonex.

Others target a specific problem that you probably should consult your doctor about before turning to old friend television. Call me crazy, but I would think it's best to leave treatment for things like chronic asthma, genital herpes and clinical depression to a professional. But how can we take control of our lives without Valtrex? How can we stop asthma from keeping us from playing catch with the grandkids without Flovent? How can we feel happy without sexual side effects without Wellbutrin?

Then there are those commercials that are just weird. Like Prevacid, with the dancing claymation stomach belching fire at a sleazy motel. Who is supposed to relate to that?



Jamie Fetty  
Guest columnist

"Most rely on hawking their product through the depiction of a prettier world with their pill, spray, suppository, etc."

Some upset me on a feminist level (granted, most commercials do), like our good buddy Ortho-Tricyclen, the new queen of birth control. In every commercial, each woman who talks up the pill establishes from the outset that she is married. Now of course, married women do use the pill.

But what about us, the unmarried trash who must secretly use the pill? But that's another column.

Most rely on hawking their product through the depiction of a prettier world with their pill, spray, suppository, etc. Maybe each of us should ask our doctor about that new genital wart cream, in case we ever get it, because the people in the commercial look so deep and complacent.

Or we could all be as happy as the little dot with the ladybug pal once we're full to the brim with Zolof.

One particularly charming way the prescription drug industry feeds our insecurity is with a fab new pill called Sarafen from Lilly, the makers of Prozac. Now that generic forms of Prozac can be made and sold, Lilly figures they'll make up for the drop in sales by giving their famous antidepressant a makeover and selling it as a cure for a devastating disorder known as PMS.

Certainly, menstruation and its bloated, irritable cast of characters is an evil modern medicine can fix.

Despite the many advantages (email me if you know of any) this delightful new facet of consumerism, I guess I don't get why all the non-doctors in the world are hearing pitches for products they can't buy.

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### Allies of convenience

This editorial previously ran in *The Daily Vidette* of Illinois State University.

As the Northern Alliance advances against the Taliban in Afghanistan, the United States seems to be becoming more and more comfortable with the idea of an unofficial partnership with the soldiers it knows little about.

The early part of the U.S.-led bombing campaign in Afghanistan focused on military targets including Taliban weapons depots and suspected terrorist training camps.

After those obvious targets were eliminated, U.S. planes began bombing the Taliban's front lines opposite their longtime foes, the Northern Alliance.

The front lines are a viable target for

### Other opinion

bombings — U.S. force can rely on finding more soldiers and equipment there than in other parts of the country.

Furthermore, there are fewer civilians near the front lines than in the cities, keeping accidental casualties to a minimum.

This de facto assistance has gradually caused a shift in the way the media and the government perceive the Northern Alliance. Most people still know little about them, but some media outlets have already begun to refer to them as "allies."

Now, British soldiers are directly assisting them in their fight against the Taliban.

The Northern Alliance is a convenient group for the United States to have around. Their fighting on the ground removes the need, at least for the time being, to send large numbers of ground troops into Afghanistan. They are free soldiers sacrificed at no cost to a country that already lost thousands on Sept. 11.

But the Northern Alliance clearly expects to be repaid for their sacrifice, and it would not come as a surprise if they rejected other countries' calls for a coalition government.

Many Taliban and Al-Qaida members, and Osama bin Laden himself, received aid from the United States in the mid-1980s during Afghanistan's war against the Soviet Union. The Northern Alliance could be the same way — allies today, enemies tomorrow.

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# School reopens after alleged massacre plot

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — A high school where two teenage brothers and a friend allegedly plotted a Columbine-style blood-bath reopened Monday after a sweep by officers and bomb-sniffing dogs, but many students stayed home.

While those students who did go to school listened to counselors and school officials describe what had happened, Eric McKeehan, 17, pleaded innocent and was ordered held without bail. His brother, Michael McKeehan, 15, and Steven Jones, 15, also were being held after pleading innocent in closed juvenile court hearings.

The students allegedly modeled themselves after the two teenagers who carried out the 1999 Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo.

They were arrested at their homes Saturday after a New Bedford High School janitor found a letter outlining their plans to kill "thugs, preps, and faculty" at their high school by detonating explosives there and opening fire as they fled.

The boys planned to then climb onto the school's roof and get high before shooting each other "so it was a homicide, not suicide," according to police interviews with two students who authorities say

were involved but had not yet been arrested or charged.

Authorities who searched the boys' homes found a variety of weapons, bomb-making instructions and Satanic materials.

Satanic masks, a meat cleaver, an ax and a photograph of Adolph Hitler were found in Michael McKeehan's bedroom, according to a police report. Police also discovered spent cartridges from five different types of guns and torture devices.

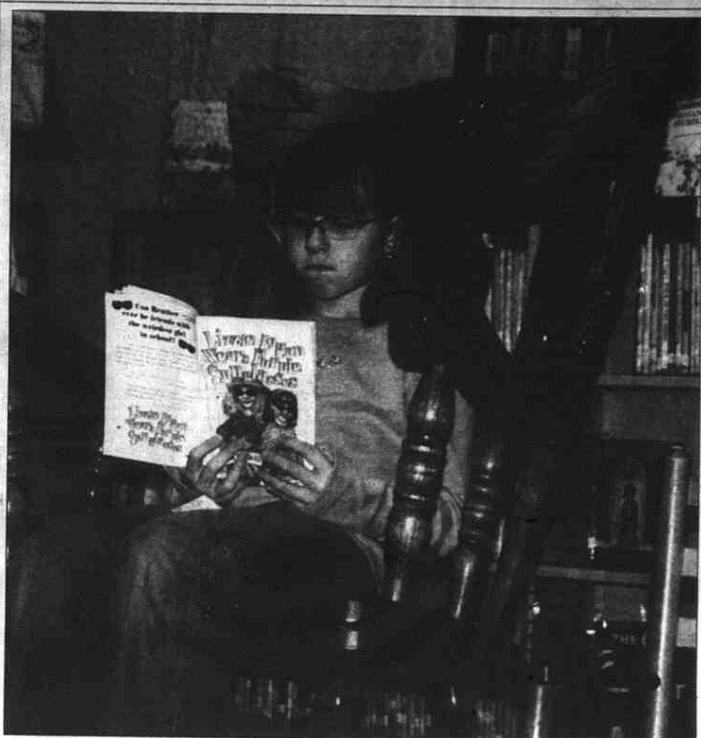
The school was declared safe and opened Monday after a sweep by nearly 40 officers and five bomb-sniffing dogs. Still, 41 percent of the 3,300 students stayed home.

"We didn't think we were going to find anything," Lt. Richard Spirlet said. "But we want to put the public at ease."

The mothers of the teens who were charged defended their sons.

"My kids are good kids and this has really been blown out of proportion and, you know, there's just no way anything like that would have happened," Carol McKeehan, the mother of Eric and Michael McKeehan, told the Boston Herald.

Susan St. Hilaire, Jones's mother, said the charges were based on rumors and hearsay.



Kate Mitchell/Associate photo editor

## Book worm

Kirsten Franklin, 9, reads an Eileen Spinelli story titled "Lizzie Logan Wears Purple Sunglasses" Monday afternoon at the Charleston Public Library. The fourth annual holiday book sale will be going on at the library until Dec. 22. The collection of books are all donated by patrons.



## DEAR SANTA What I really want for Christmas

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# Senate receives search updates

By Pat Guinane  
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will get up to speed on the university's various ongoing administrative searches.

Eastern is currently looking for a new president and new a new dean for the Lupton College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Sciences. Martha Brown and Mary Anne Hanner, respectively, have been filling those dean positions in the interim while Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs since 1992 was chosen to fill the role of president until a permanent replacement is selected.

Separate committees were formed to aid in the search for replacements in those positions and also for the new position of associate vice president for academic affairs for technology. The search committee for the new associate vice president position has already finalized its recommendations and sent them forth to Provost Blair Lord.

Faculty Senate Chair Bud Fischer, biological sciences professor, said Lord may attend Tuesday's meeting to give the senate an update on the status of the associate vice president position. He said the senate also has several other issues to

address.

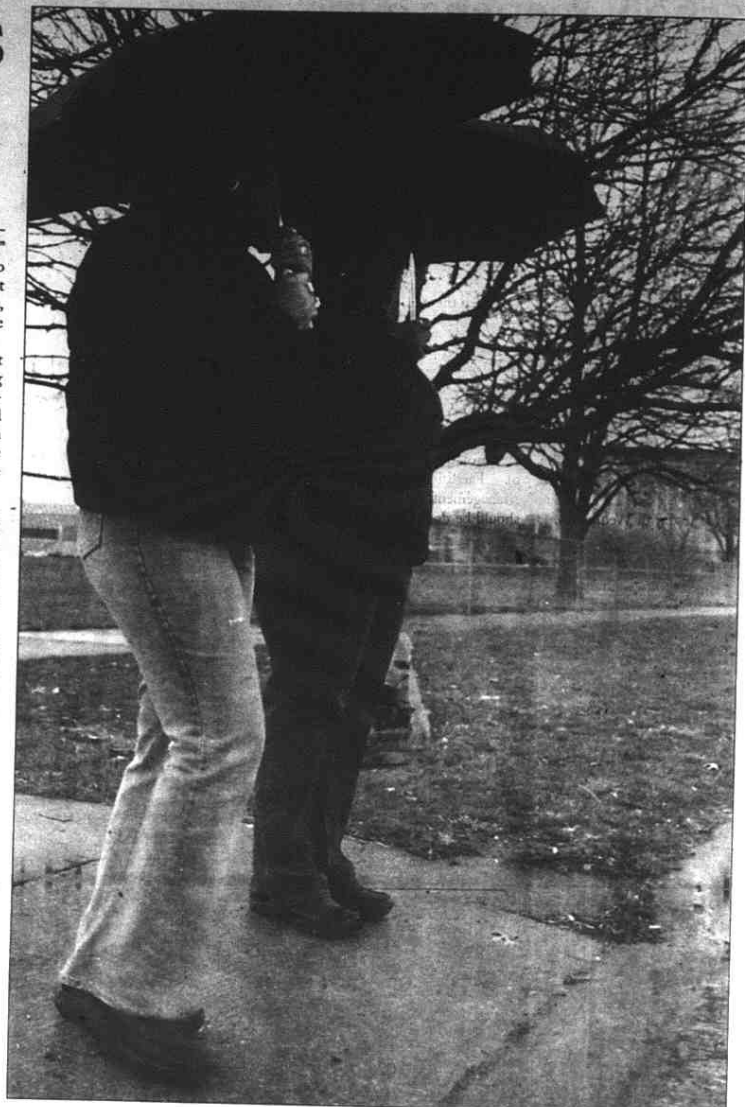
"We're going to continue discussion on recruitment and retention," Fischer said. "And I think the two other things we're going to talk about are the commencement activities, and I think we need to talk about the Spring Forum."

The university's Commencement Committee, which is considering changes in the schedule of graduation activities, will meet for a final time on Friday before sending forth its recommendation to the President's Council, which will make the final decision.

Fischer said he would like the senate to make a recommendation Tuesday on how it thinks commencement activities should be changed so that the recommendation can be passed on to the committee before it meets Friday.

The senate will host the Spring Forum next semester. It serves as an opportunity for to discuss an issue that is currently relevant to the campus. The senate has yet to determine what the issue will be.

The senate also will discuss a Council on Academic Affairs proposal to establish uniform dates for curriculum change. Fischer said he would like to see how senate members feel the proposal will affect teachers' ability to change courses.



Kate Mitchell/Associate photo editor

## Man kills wife, self, stranger

GRANTSVILLE, Utah (AP) — A man opened fire in a mostly empty restaurant, killing his wife and the restaurant owner and critically injuring a cashier, then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Thomas Schutz, 57, followed his wife, Marilyn, from their home into Jimbo's Drive Inn on Sunday evening and shot her with a .38-caliber pistol, said police Chief Dan Johnson.

"An argument started at the

house, we don't know what over," Johnson said. "She left and walked next door (to Jimbo's). He followed her over there. The argument continued."

Cashier Joyce Fawson was shot when she tried to call 911. She was listed in stable condition Monday at Tooele Valley Medical Center.

After shooting Fawson, Schutz went to the back of the restaurant and twice shot owner Jimmie Maddox, 72, who apparently was trying to escape, police said.

## Gloomy walk

Protected from the rain by their umbrellas, India Bryant, a sophomore elementary education major and Shannon Cooper, a sophomore political science major, wait to cross Fourth Street Monday afternoon on their way to Taylor Hall.

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Bill Witsman, associate vice president for Information Technology Services, said the net-

work will connect Booth Library to the university's network, allow for Internet connections on library computers and will control some building access systems, namely door entry systems.

The network also will host the library's environmental control system, which regulates heat and air conditioning. Witsman said the same environmental control system is used in other campus buildings.

The network is also used for checking out library materials, so it must be up and running when Booth Library opens on Jan. 7, Witsman said. Once installed, the network will allow for 1,344 computer connections. He said initially the network will host a much smaller number of computers. However, the high capacity will provide flexibility, allowing library staff to move and add computers.

## Days

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at Eastern.

Shoots, who is also the project manager, said that the university lettering for the sign that will adorn the fencing on Old Main's new landscaping was received on Friday, and he expects the plaque to arrive Tuesday or Wednesday.

When the fencing is received, it is just a matter of bolting it to the pillars and putting the plaque on the fence, Shoots said.

"I'm guessing maybe two days tops," he said, adding that the project should be finished no later than Dec. 1.

Carol Strode, interim director of Facilities Planning and Management, also said the project should be done by the end of this week.

The cost of the new landscaping also increased during its construction. Originally, the project cost \$411,400, but that was increased to \$424,000 after concrete was unexpectedly found underneath the parking lot that was previously in front of Old Main.

The final cost includes a budgeted 10 percent contingency.

# Human embryo cloning draws political criticism

BOSTON (AP) — A company's claim that it is first to clone a human embryo has drawn opposition from the White House, the Vatican and other abortion foes who see it as a step toward cloning human beings.

Researchers at Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester say they hope to develop genetically compatible replacement cells for patients with a range of illnesses — not human clones.

"This work sets the stage for human therapeutic cloning as a potentially limitless source of immune-compatible cells for tissue engineering and transplantation medicine," said Dr. Robert P. Lanza, one of the company's researchers.

President Bush said Monday that the breakthrough was "morally wrong, in my opinion."

"We should not, as a society, grow life to destroy it," Bush said.

Several states, including

California, have banned human cloning, and Congress is considering a ban. But company officials insisted their work is the first step in providing hope for people with spinal injuries, heart disease and other ailments.

Lanza and the company's top executive Michael West said they had no interest in transplanting such early embryos into a woman's womb to give birth to a cloned human being, nor was it clear that their embryo would be capable of that.

But critics of cloning, including the National Right to Life Committee, wasted little time attacking the announcement.

"This corporation is creating human embryos for the sole purpose of killing them and harvesting their cells," said its legislative director, Douglas Johnson. "Unless Congress acts quickly, this corporation and others will be opening human embryo farms."

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# Americans hurt in battle

**MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP)** — Northern alliance troops aided by U.S. special forces fought a pitched battle in a sprawling mud-walled fortress for a second day Monday with captured loyalists of Osama bin Laden. Five Americans were wounded by a stray U.S. bomb, and by nightfall it was still unclear whether the rebellion had been crushed.

U.S. Marines went into action in southern Afghanistan, sending helicopter gunships to join with Navy F-14 Tomcat jets in a strike against an armored convoy. It was the Marines' first known action since establishing a foothold Monday near the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar. Fifteen vehicles in the column were destroyed, Capt. David Romley told reporters.

President Bush warned Americans to be prepared for U.S. casualties. Speaking in Washington, he said the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan was "just the beginning" of the fight against terrorism, and he warned Iraq and North Korea there would be consequences for producing weapons of mass destruction.

In the north, prisoners captured by the alliance last weekend in the siege of Kunduz rained rocket-propelled grenades and mortars on

alliance troops trying to suppress the uprising.

Hundreds of Pakistanis, Chechens, Arabs and other non-Afghans fighting with the Taliban were brought to the fortress here as part of the weekend surrender of Kunduz, the Islamic militia's last stronghold in the north.

Once inside the fortress Sunday, the prisoners stormed the armory and were still resisting the next day despite U.S. airstrikes and attacks by alliance forces.

One CIA operative was missing in the uprising, according to a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

American special forces troops called in an airstrike but a U.S. JDAM smart bomb went astray, exploding near the Americans. Five U.S. soldiers suffered serious wounds and were evacuated to nearby Uzbekistan, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington. Their identities were not released.

Alliance officers said about 40 of their troops had died in the uprising along with hundreds of resisters. Alliance commanders said the hold-outs, trapped in a tower, were running out of ammunition and wouldn't last long.

"Those who are left over will be

dead," said Alim Razim, an aide to alliance Gen. Rashid Dostum. "None of them can escape."

In other developments:

— Britain took several thousand troops off 48-hour alert, citing an improving situation on the ground in Afghanistan. Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon also confirmed that four British soldiers had been injured in operations with U.S. forces in Afghanistan. He said one of the soldiers had been wounded more seriously than the others, but declined to comment further. He said all were being treated in Britain.

— Police detained 14 people in Belgium and France in connection with the September slaying of Ahmed Shah Massoud, military leader of Afghanistan's northern alliance. The suspects are believed connected to a group that gave false Belgian ID papers to members of bin Laden's terrorist network.

— A Vatican delegation met with former Afghan king Mohammad Zaher Shah on the eve of talks to determine the war-ravaged country's political future. Afghan faction representatives are to meet near Bonn on Tuesday in hopes of forming a transitional administration and a security force to police Afghanistan now that the Taliban has all but collapsed.

# Marines destroy armored vehicles

**SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN (AP)** — Newly landed U.S. Marines went into combat for the first time late Monday, sending helicopter gunships to attack armored vehicles near their new base in southern Afghanistan.

The AH-1W Cobras assaulted 15 tanks and armored personnel carriers and destroyed some of them, a Marine spokesman said, indicating combat continued as he spoke with reporters shortly before midnight local time.

There was no word on casualties for either side.

The spokesman, Capt. David Romley, did not say who manned the vehicles, but the desert airstrip the Marines seized Sunday night is in the region of Kandahar, the last major stronghold held by the Taliban.

Romley would not say if the armored column was heading toward the base or give any details about where it was attacked, except to say it was "in the vicinity of this base." He said the vehicles had been spotted by U.S. aircraft.

In Washington, Maj. Brad Lowell, a spokesman for the U.S.

Central Command, said the attack was carried out by two Navy F-14 Tomcat fighters. He said Marine Cobra helicopters were in the area but did not fire on the armored vehicles.

Lowell said he did not have information on how many vehicles were in the convoy, how many were damaged or destroyed or where the convoy was headed.

Romley said the column included tanks and BMPs, which are armored vehicles capable of carrying a dozen soldiers each. When the Soviet army retreated from Afghanistan in 1989 after a decade-long war, it left its client regime with dozens of tanks and BMPs that later were captured by a coalition of local militias and warlords.

At the base, helicopters and transport planes ferried in troops and equipment late into the night, and the Pentagon said it would take at least another day to reach the full complement of about 1,000 Marines. The aircraft were operating off the USS Peleliu hundreds of miles away in the northern Arabian Sea and from unidentified bases on the coast.

# Nationwide credit card scam netted millions

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Three Chicago-area "companies" were accused in a federal civil lawsuit unsealed Monday of swindling victims out of millions of dollars nationwide through a credit-card telemarketing scam.

John F. Boone of Algonquin, Ill., alleged to be an officer of one of the companies, Rockwell Holdings Inc., was also accused in the suit filed by the Federal Trade Commission and Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan.

Federal officials said that from a

headquarters in suburban Schaumburg the companies operated "boiler rooms" around the country that used telemarketing to offer major credit cards to people with bad credit in return for advance payments ranging from \$99.95 to \$219.95.

Customers got nothing in return, but the companies continued their operation even after the FBI served a search warrant on their offices last September, officials said. Some people asked to be put on the do-not-call

list but were bombarded with calls anyway, officials said.

No criminal charges have been filed in the case.

U.S. District Judge Charles Kocoras already has ordered the companies closed and issued an order authorizing federal officials to attempt to recover money deducted from the checking accounts of people with bad credit who had hoped to get credit lines of up to \$2,500.

"It was very simple, really, no one ever received a credit card," C.

Steven Baker of the FTC's midwest regional office told a news conference. "This outfit is no longer in business. We believe they did millions of dollars in sales to tens of thousands of consumers."

"This is probably the biggest telemarketing operation that I have seen operating out of the state of Illinois," Baker added. "We don't want Illinois to become a home to them."

In addition to Rockwell and Boone, also named as defendants

are 1st Financial Solutions Inc. and American Benefits Club Inc., both of Park Ridge.

Kocoras has scheduled a further hearing in the case Thursday.

Federal officials said that while Kocoras has issued an order authorizing the government to attempt to recover the money lost by victims and freezing the assets of the defendants, the amount recovered thus far is just \$96, the cash on hand when a court-appointed receiver took charge of the premises.

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# Can you say NFC Central Champion Chicago Bears?

**T**his late in the season, the Bears' playoff hopes have usually vanished, but as the team proved again Sunday night, this year's success is not a mirage.

But who would have thought the Bears would be winners? Back-to-back 4-12 seasons followed by a less-than-promising 5-11 campaign did little to breed optimism in the Windy City.

When the season started, the Bears appeared to be headed nowhere. Dick Jauron was almost definitely on his way out and Jerry Angelo was giving veteran players like Bobby Engram and Jim Flanigan their tickets out of town before a regular season game had even been played.

For all intents and purposes, the 2001 season was to be rebuilding redux. It was only September and 'wait till next year' seemed to already be the rallying cry of long-suffering Chicago football fans.

Somehow, miraculously, the Bears refused

to adopt the moniker of the Cubs. They were going to win with their lame-duck coach and without their veteran castoffs, and they were going to do it any way they had to.

It all started with a 17-10 win over the Vikings at home and here we are, eight games later, and the Bears have eight wins. Nostradamus himself couldn't have predicted this season.

A risky gambler may have picked the Bulls to win eight games in their 82-game season, but the Bears winning eight out of ten — it's ridiculous (On a side note, the

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Bulls, at 1-11, are on pace to win just six games).

And all the gamblers, visionaries and mathematicians in the world couldn't have predicted that Mike Brown would turn overtime interceptions into consecutive victories for the Bears this season.

When you combine all of these unpredictable happenings, it's amazing that the odds makers could slate the Bears a three-point underdog going into Minnesota on Sunday.

The Bears are for real and they have been able to find ways to win all season, (okay except for against Baltimore and Green Bay).

Last week they gave up 24 points to the offensively inept Buccaneers, who were at home at home, and still came back to Chicago with the victory. R.W. McQuarters and his late-hit penalty added some suspense, but nonetheless the Bears emerged victorious.

Sunday night in Minnesota the Bears

offense managed only 235 offensive yards, 81 fewer than the Vikings' 315, but they still the won.

The Bear's defense, which looks like it was built for the speedy Metrodome surface came through once again. The defense is good, but perhaps not as good as ESPN commentators' blabbering suggested. The Vikings did have 11 penalties, many of which helped stall an offensive drive.

The pessimists will see the Bear's success and point to the fifth-place schedule the Bears received for playing so poorly last year, but don't be fooled by them. The Bear's first ten opponents have a combined record of 54-46, which is hardly fifth-place.

The pessimists will also tell you the Bears' success can't last. However, with two games against the 0-10 Detroit Lions weighing in heavily, the combined record of the team's final six opponents is just 19-40.

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## Soccer

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She was named to the All-OVC first team and also received OVC player of the week honors three times.

The defense also played solid all season long by only allowing 19 goals, which beat the record of 20 goals allowed last season.

Freshman Audra Frericks and sophomore Becca Traen were both named to the OVC first team to join Liesen.

Bissell ended her career on a high note by receiving MVP honors in the conference tournament and second team All-OVC. She ranks second all-time for Eastern in assists with 30.

The defense did not stop there. The combination of freshmen goalkeepers Lindsay Dechert and Lynne Goehler played consistently throughout the season with Dechert stepping up and playing some key games in the postseason.

Junior Cara LeMaster also made the second team while freshman Sara Johnson earned honorable mention by tallying six goals in her first year.

Along with Bissell, the team will be losing six other seniors, but will be returning some talented young players to fill in.

"I'm glad that the seniors got a chance to play in the NCAA tournament," Dechert said. "We have a lot of young players that can step up and fill in for us next year."

While the team achieved its goals this season, it will set higher goals in the years to come with more achievements to claim.

## More college bowl berths decided

(AP) — Virginia Tech gets another chance at Florida State in a bowl game, but the stakes won't be as high as they were in the Sugar Bowl two years ago.

The Hokies and Seminoles agreed on Monday to play in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, a far cry from the '99 Sugar Bowl when Florida State won the national title with a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech.

Florida State, 6-4 and unranked entering Saturday's game against Georgia Tech, played in the last three national title games. No. 14 Virginia Tech is 8-2 entering Saturday's game against No. 1 Miami.

The game will be played at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla.

Other teams accepting bowl bids on Monday included No. 17 Michigan and No. 23 Ohio State, the second and third-place finishers in the Big Ten Conference.

The Wolverines (8-3) are headed to the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando against a Southeastern Conference opponent. The Buckeyes (7-4) will play in the

Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 in Tampa, Fla., also against an SEC opponent.

Also, the Big East Conference bowl lineup appears set now that the Hokies are in the Gator.

Syracuse (9-3) will play in the Insight.com Bowl in Phoenix on Dec. 29 against a Big-12 team; Boston College (7-4) is in the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn., on Dec. 28 against an SEC team; and Pittsburgh (5-5) can gain a spot in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando, on Dec. 20 against an ACC team, with a win on Saturday against Alabama-Birmingham.

No. 1 Miami (10-0), Big East champion, has clinched a spot in a Bowl Championship Series game — the Rose Bowl with a win on Saturday against Virginia Tech.

The Seminoles are headed to their 20th straight bowl, and could do so with a mediocre 6-5 record. This is the first season since 1986 that Florida State has lost more than two games and failed to finish the AP media poll's top five.

"It makes you appreciate how the

other 98 percent lives," Florida State athletic director Dave Hart Jr. said. "I don't believe anyone in college football ever again will have a run like that. It was an unbelievable run. Only UCLA's basketball run under John Wooden is comparable."

The Hokies are 1-2 in the Gator Bowl. They lost to Tennessee 45-23 in 1994 and North Carolina 42-3 in 1997. Last year, they defeated Clemson 44-20.

"We are ecstatic to be going to our seventh New Year's bowl in nine years," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "This is certainly a compliment to our program and to our great fan support."

The Buckeyes, who beat the Wolverines 26-20 on Saturday, return to Tampa, where they lost 24-7 to South Carolina last year in what turned out to be John Cooper's final game as coach. Jim Tressel replaced him this year.

In addition to Miami, three other teams have clinched berths in BCS games as conference champions — Illinois (Big Ten), Oregon (Pac-10) and Maryland (ACC).

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## Arizona

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"We just want to play well against them," Winkler said.  
Huff Hall should provide a famil-

iar atmosphere for the Panthers. While none of the players on the team have played a game against Illinois, almost all have seen matches in the gym.  
Illinois (20-8) drew Missouri (20-10) in the other first-round match at Huff Hall.

Eastern would not have been in contention for an NCAA bid without the help from its six seniors, who will all be ending their collegiate career at the national level - a goal the sextet had since the beginning of the year.  
"It's just wonderful," senior setter Rebecca Ooyen said.

"It's hard to explain just how excited I am right now."  
Senior Carrie Stevens was named MVP of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, which the Panthers won to clinch the NCAA berth.  
Stevens had a key kill in the fifth game of the championship match

and played a pivotal role on both offense and defense this season.  
"It'll be really exciting just to be there," Stevens said.  
"But we need to get focused once we're in the match and calm down. I think we've done a really good job at that all year."

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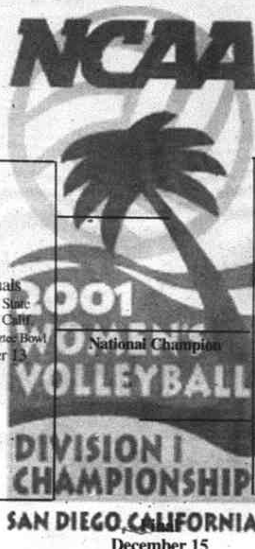
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(9) Hawaii 26-5  
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E. Washington 20-5  
Oregon St. 17-11  
\*Penn St. 21-7  
Fairfield 19-12  
Pennsylvania 18-4  
(8) UCLA 18-8  
(5) Arizona 21-4  
Eastern Ill. 20-8  
\*Illinois 20-8  
Missouri 20-10  
\*Louisville 25-6  
Georgia Tech 19-7  
Alabama A&M 20-8  
(12) Pacific 26-7  
(13)\*Ohio St. 25-3  
Robert Morris 29-5  
Cincinnati 22-7  
Xavier 25-5  
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Texas 16-12  
Notre Dame 22-6  
Michigan St. 20-7  
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Geo. Southern 22-11  
\*N. Carolina 23-8  
S. Carolina 20-5  
Florida Int'l 22-7  
Central Florida 19-6  
Florida A&M 27-2  
(10)\*Florida 25-1  
(15)\*Colo. St. 27-3  
Baylor 18-11  
Colorado 18-10  
American 26-3  
\*Kansas State 19-7  
Arkansas 21-11  
Oral Roberts 19-6  
(2) Nebraska

## Rojek

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gram, but across the board, we weren't winning as many championships as we could have."

Every university seeks a determined athletic director who has faith in the program and a dream to make it the top of its class. McDuffie has done that here at Eastern. And he's not just at the men's basketball games and the football games. He's at the track meets, the volleyball matches, the baseball games - supporting every aspect of Eastern's athletics.

"It is every athletic director's dream to have basketball and football successful at the same

time. My dream is to have all the sports successful," McDuffie said. "Our program should be envied. We win, and we do it right, in terms of rules. And our student athletes graduate at a higher rate than the average student body."

McDuffie's determination has resonated through the athletic department, and his goals continue to be put into effect with every passing year at Eastern. More scholarships continue to be available for student athletes. Facilities such as the football stadium and the baseball stadium, including the indoor and outdoor tracks have been updated and the coaching staff has continued to get stronger.

"We were behind many years in facilities and we needed to bring in some coaches to

full-time in some sports as well as add assistant coaches in some sports," McDuffie said. "We needed a better means of travel as well. There's a good baseline now for the programs in all areas, but there's no fluff in the budget. We're still a couple million dollars behind schools like Illinois State."

With all the changes and improvements made in all aspects of the athletic department, many teams have already had the opportunity to compete at the national level after claiming their own OVC crown.

With the success Eastern has had of late, does this mean the program will always continue to be successful, or will athletes graduate, coaches change jobs and Eastern's athletics return to its

disaster state near the bottom of the league?

"There are still conference championships to compete for," McDuffie said. "Over the long haul, with the right kinds of things, we can dominate the OVC."

"Our best opportunities are not to arrive at the NCAAs, but win the first round. That's what we want to see over the next two or three years - even now. That's our next step - not only to get the conference championship, but get to the national level and win."

Of course Eastern needs the talent of the athletes, the skill of the coaching staff and the updated facilities to win at that level, but they also need McDuffie. After all, without him, we wouldn't have come this far.

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Senior Amy Heimann lands on the floor after attempting a save in a volleyball game earlier this season. The Panthers continue their season at Illinois against the Arizona Wildcats.

## Eastern's future leads to Arizona

Panthers to face No. 5 Wildcats in Champaign

By Nate Bloomquist  
Staff writer

After a dramatic season, the volleyball team's future unfolded Monday on a big screen television in the Student Rec Center as the NCAA selection show aired.

The squad gathered for the 64-team announcement to learn they would face off against No. 5 Arizona in Eastern's first playoff berth. The Panthers step into the University of Illinois' Huff Hall Friday against the Wildcats.

"I really think it's great that we're one of the 64 out of the 300-some teams in the nation that get this opportunity," Eastern

head coach Brenda Winkler said.

As the pick was announced early in the broadcast, the team collectively leapt out of their seats and sent out a scream that resonated throughout the recreation center. Hugs were exchanged, along with high-fives.

"It's something I'll get to tell my children about," said senior middle hitter Leslie Przekwas. "They'll see the NCAA tournament on TV, and I can say, you see that, I was there."

Arizona (21-4) finished third in the Pac-10 Conference (14-4) behind both Stanford, the No. 3 seeded team in the tourney, and UCLA, the No. 8 seed. The Wildcats have made 17 NCAA tournament appearances.

"That'll be a really big challenge for us," Winkler said.

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## Success reflects athletic director

Five years ago, it was not often that an Eastern athletic squad would claim an Ohio Valley Conference championship title. Competing at the national level was even more rare for the Panthers.

But this year alone, Eastern athletics has won five OVC crowns, and the winter sports are just beginning. Look how far Eastern has come since 1997. What happened in 1997, that has taken Eastern on this successful turn?

Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie made a transfer from Southeast Missouri to Eastern Illinois to turn the Panthers around. Although McDuffie isn't in an Eastern uniform driving the Panthers to the win, he is in his office working on improving Eastern's athletic program.

McDuffie settled into his office in March of 1997, mainly because of the words of interim president Lou Hencken, who was the university's vice president of student affairs at the time.

"The one thing that was critically important when I came here, and the reason I accepted the job was the leadership Eastern has at the top," McDuffie said. "Lou Hencken said to me, 'I want the athletic program to be better. He wanted the quality of athletics consistent with the academics. That expectation from the top is critically important. Lou Hencken provided that for me.'"

Immediately upon joining Eastern's athletic department, four years ago McDuffie implemented a plan to develop a plan to make Eastern competitive. He worked to improve the coaching staffs, the facilities, the budget and the scholarships to bring talented athletes to Eastern.

"That plan is now beginning to show results," McDuffie said. "We've always had a fairly good pro-

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## Women's soccer team proves most successful season ever

By Matt Williams  
Staff writer

The Eastern women's soccer team had their season come to an end on Nov. 16 after a 2-0 loss to Notre Dame in their first ever NCAA tournament appearance.

But the loss does not take anything away from their hard-fought season which featured a thrilling 1-0 victory over Southeast Missouri State in the OVC tournament championship game.

The Panthers compiled a 14-6 record on the season to go along with a 4-1 record in the conference. The team received quality effort from all of its players to give Eastern one of the best teams the school has ever seen.

"Talent-wise, this is one of the stronger teams I have played on at Eastern," senior defensive leader Devon Bissell said.

Winning the conference tournament and making it to the NCAA tournament is a goal the team had the entire season.

"We believed we were going to be number one in the conference," Bissell said. "It was one of my proudest moments I have ever had."

The team was led by several different players, including sophomore forward Beth Liesen. Liesen finished the season with 41 points and 18 goals, making her the third all-time leader in both categories.



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Junior Cara LeMaster chases down the ball in a game earlier this season on Lakeside Field. The women's soccer team ended its most successful season ever at Notre Dame.

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